

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

March 24, 2011

Present:

**Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Domenic Ricci Greg
Leonard Paul DiDomenico Mike Babbitt Bob Turner Hagop
Jawharjian Joe Renning**

Absent:

Peter Fucci

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of March 23rd were distributed for review.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, to accept the minutes as amended.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0 with Domenic Ricci abstaining because he was not present on March 23rd.

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Library was received regarding state aid, which is proposed at \$186,608 for a \$7,217 increase over last year.

The Budget Board asked the School Department to reconcile FTE's in their recommended budget, and also sent them quote information for the Parking Lot work at Lonsdale.

Also they requested an explanation of how Central Services had been dispersed among the schools, and for a copy of the presentation used in their budget workshop meetings.

The Budget Board discussed information received about tuitions, and noted that if the town is using more out-of-town schools, that should constitute a difference in the Special Education budget.

Linda Noble will call the School Department and personally invite them to meet with the Budget Board to discuss their requests.

The Budget Board received answers to questions sent to the Town Administrator as follows:

-Police Details are considered an Enterprise Fund, and the auditors have asked that it not appear on the revenue page because it is not offset by any expenses other than details.

It was noted that information about the enterprise fund could be placed at the end of the budget book where information about other independent funds, such as the Water Department, appear.

-The Town Administrator will provide all debt amortization schedules in response to the question regarding Debt Service.

-Under Information Technologies, the Tech Support line was increased because the Town Administrator did not feel that the department warranted an Assistant but wanted to provide support if it is needed.

The Budget Board discussed and will ask for clarification when they meet with the Town Administrator.

The Town Administrator requested a copy of the schools' balance sheet, and noted that they could transfer from surplus to their capital reserve but that would be their decision.

New Business

The Town Council was present to discuss their budget.

Council President Keith Macksoud noted that the Police Prosecutor is paid out of the Town Solicitor's budget and should be given a separate line in that account.

The funds for the position come out of Litigation and Research, and the salary paid currently is \$15,000 per year with no additional billable hours.

The request would be for \$20,000 in the new line based upon salary studies.

It was discussed whether such an action should go before the Financial Town Meeting, and also whether the position gets paid out of payroll or as a vendor.

There were currently no pension requests brought to the Budget Board on behalf of the Town Council.

One councilman was going to present a recommendation but there have been no resolutions or ordinances put forward yet, which will probably occur at the next Town Council Meeting.

The Town Council adjourned from the meeting.

Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, to add a line reading “Police Prosecution” to the Town Solicitor budget.

The Budget Board will further discuss with the Town Administrator as to the amount and name of this line when they meet with him at the next meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt that Litigation and Research be \$130,000.

Old Business

The Budget Board voted upon individual lines of the municipal budget as follows:

4110 Town Planner

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Carl Brunetti, that Town Planner be recommended at \$114,876.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4130 Personnel

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that Personnel be recommended at \$99,810.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4150 Finance

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, that Finance be recommended at \$449,113.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4160 Tax Assessor

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that Tax Assessor be recommended at \$134,973.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4170 Information Technology

The Budget Board did not yet vote on a recommendation for Information Technology pending further information.

4200 Public Safety – Police

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Police be recommended at \$3,645,756.

The Budget Board discussed the Detail Enterprise Fund. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4204 Animal Control

The Budget Board did not yet vote on a recommendation for Animal Control pending further information.

4210 Public Safety - Rescue

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Rescue be recommended at \$1,387,524.

4230 Human Services

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, that Human Services be recommended at \$256,121. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4300 Public Works

Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, that Public Works be recommended at \$106,161.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4310 Engineering

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that Engineering be recommended at \$84,524.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4320 Code Enforcement

Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning that Code Enforcement be recommended at \$177,891.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4330 Parks and Recreation

Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, that Parks and Recreation be recommended at \$589,451. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4350 Tree Warden

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Tree Warden be recommended at \$46,600.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4400 Central Services

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, that Central Services be recommended at \$2,866,145. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5000 Recycling

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, that Recycling be recommended at \$160,829.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4800 Library

The Budget Board did not yet vote on a recommendation for the Library pending further information.

4820 Town Council

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that the Town Council be recommended at \$54,500. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4830 Town Solicitor

Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, that Town Solicitor be recommended at \$185,189.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4840 Probate Judge

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Probate Judge be recommended at \$4,352.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4850 Town Sergeant

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt that Town Sergeant be recommended at \$1,400.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4860 Board of Canvassers

Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Hagop Hawharjian, that Board of Canvassers be recommended at \$1,700. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4600 Budget Board

Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, that the

Budget Board be recommended at \$2,250.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-1 with Greg Leonard opposed.

4870 Zoning Board of Review

Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that Zoning Board of Review be recommended at \$9,520. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4880 Planning Board

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that the Planning Board be recommended at \$10,570. The motion passed by a vote of 9-1 with Bob Turner opposed.

4890 Board of Assessment Review

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, that Board of Assessment Review be recommended at \$2,390. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4910 Tenant Board

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that the Tenant Board be recommended at \$1,388.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4920 Conservation Commission

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that the Conservation Commission be recommended at \$3,150. The motion

passed by unanimous vote.

4940 Personnel Board

Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that Personnel Board be recommended at \$1,800.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4960 Juvenile Hearing Board

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Juvenile Hearing Board be recommended at \$1,500. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4970 Parks and Recreation Commission

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Parks and Recreation Commission be recommended at \$1,000. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5200 Land Trust

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Land Trust be recommended at \$800.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5300 Municipal Court

Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Municipal Court be recommended at \$23,628.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4500 Grants and Contributions

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard that Grants and Contributions be recommended at \$62,000. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4950 Debt Service

Municipal- Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, that Municipal Debt Service be recommended at \$865,052.

Schools- Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that School Debt Service be recommended at \$3,278,406

Total- Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, that Total Debt Service be recommended at \$4,143,458.

The next meeting of the Budget Board will be on Wednesday, March30th when they hold a public hearing of the Town Administrator's recommended budget.

Public Comment

There was none at the time.

Adjourn

Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.